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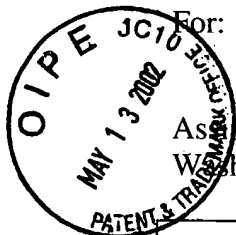
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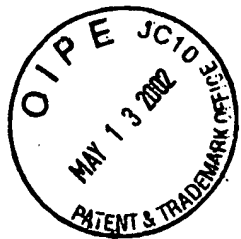
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Applicant and his attorney are aware of the following publications and information listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 hereby submits these publications for the Examiner's consideration.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Five of the documents submitted do not contain dates. However, the documents were created before the filing date of the instant application.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. In this regard, it is requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office Communication.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material to patentability or that the listed documents are prior art. If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

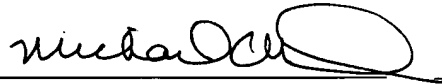
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits and is therefore submitted as both timely and proper; therefore, no fees are believed to be due.

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A1	Van Wijngaarden, et al., "Wireless Communications Earplugs For Use In Noisy Aircraft" <i>TNO Human Factors Research Institute</i> . (1999) pp. 1-19
A2	Durlach, et al., "Ear Adapter for DARPA Supernormal Listening System (SLS)
A3	Pilot Communications, "Freedom Series DNC" (1998) pp. 1-2
A4	"ER-4B MicroPro Earphones (Binaural)" pp. 1
A5	Department of Defense, "New Defense Technology Objective (DTO): HS33, Improved Aviation Personnel Hearing Protection" pp1-3
A6	Hall, et al., "Active Noise Reduction Earplug System", pp. 1-8
A7	Ahroon, et al., "Aircrew Protection Division - Communications Earplug Update 2001" <i>US Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory</i> , pp. 1-53

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